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Scholarship available to those providing early childhood education

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 22, 2008) —Kentucky's child-care workers and trainers who want more college instruction may be eligible for the Early Childhood Development Scholarship, administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

The scholarships are available to people who work at least 20 hours each week at a participating early childhood facility or provide training in early childhood development at least 12 times per year for an approved organization. Kentuckians employed as a preschool associate teacher in a state-funded preschool program are also eligible.

Applicants must be working toward an approved credential, an associate's degree or a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. The scholarship will pay the amount of tuition charged by the college, up to \$1,800 per year. Students may not take more than nine hours a semester.

To apply, students must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and an Early Childhood Development Scholarship application. The FAFSA is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The scholarship application is available at www.kheaa.com. To complete the scholarship application, students must register for a Zip Access account. After registering, they should sign in to Zip Access and select account access and then select apply online.

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education, visit www.GoHigherKY.org. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602-0798; or call (800) 928-8926, extension 7381. For more information about student loans, visit www.studentloanpeople.com; write The Student Loan People, P.O. Box 24328, Louisville, KY 40224-0328; or call (888) 678-4625.